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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning at line 5:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of the priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/487,605, filed July 17, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. This application also claims the benefit of the priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No 60/524,902,~~,,,,,~~ by Casey K. Lee, ~~entitled INTERVERTEBRAL DISK AND NUCLEUS PROSTHESIS,~~ filed November 26, 2003.